Statement-II

The Prices of Sugar and Kerosene Prevailing During the period from 1998 to 30 June, 2001:

From	To	Price/Rs. per kg.
01.10.1998	14.02.1999	11.40
15.02.1999	30.9.1999	12.00
01.10.1999	29.02.2000	12.00
01.03.2000	28.02.2001	13.00
01.03.2001and onwards		13.25

The basic ex-storage price of kerosene for PDS, exclusive of duties and taxes, during the period 1998 to 30.6.2001 is as under:

As on	Rs./KL.
01.04.1998	2001.40
01.04.1999	2001.40
23.03.2000	4501.40
01.04.2000	4501.40
30.09.2000	7001.40
22.11.2000	6110.00
01.04.2001	6110.00
30.06.2001	6110.00

Grant of benefit as regular workers to contract workers of FCI

2603. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that several courts have decreed that the workers working on contract basis in FCI godowns shall be treated as regular workers and all the benefits enjoyed by the regular workers should be given to them; and

(b) the reasons for non-implementation of court's decisions by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) The Food Corporation of India have taken necessary action wherever courts have passed specific orders.

Different prices for disposal of additional foodgrains

†2604. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed different prices from March, 1998 for various types of buyers to sell the additional foodgrains lying in godowns of the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the prices fixed from March, 1998 to June, 2001 for each of the buyers alongwith the names of such buyers and the date on which these prices were fixed; and

(c) Government's sale policy framed at the time of each price fixation together with the basis of this policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of prices of wheat from November, 1998 to June, 2001 fixed under the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) are given in the Statement (*See* below). The scheme is in vogue since November, 1998. Any consumer, State Government Co-operatives, Chakki, Roller Flour Mill can buy wheat under this Scheme subject to minimum of 10 M.T.s.

(c) As authorized by the Government, open sale rates of wheat are fixed by the High Level Committee of the Food Corporation of India on a monthly basis after reviewing the lifting position. These rates are also being fixed Zone-wise after taking into account zonal economic cost of wheat as maintained by FCI and other relevant factors like carrying costs, tax components, transportation charges etc.

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